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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of: GOULD ET AL. Confirmation Number: 2112

Application No.: 10/658,363

Group Art Unit: 2877

Filed: September 8, 2003

Examiner: Fannie L. Evans

Title: NOVEL SCANNING SPECTROPHOTOMETER FOR HIGH THROUGHPUT FLUORESCENCE DETECTION

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 13, 2004, the time for reply having been extended to January 13, 2005, by concurrent petition for extension of time and payment of fee, Applicants elect Group II (claims 20-22, drawn to a "reflection light transfer module," classified in class 359, subclass 850+) for prosecution on the merits in the above-referenced application.

In accordance with the foregoing election, the **pending claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.